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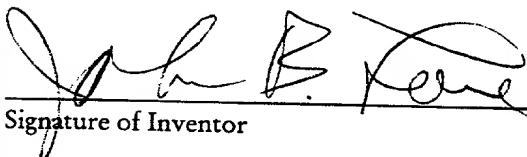
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Now comes John B. Lowe who deposes and states:

1. That I am a named inventor of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/613,098.
2. That I am Professor of Pathology, University of Michigan Medical School and Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute.
3. That I am a graduate of University of Utah College of Medicine and received my M.D. in the year 1980.
4. That I have been employed by the University of Michigan for 11 years as a Professor of Pathology.

5. That a copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto and is incorporated into and is part of this Declaration.

6. That I have been engaged in research involving the cloning of glycosyltransferase genes, including both human and murine fucosyltransferases, for 12 years.

7. That, based on my experience in the field of glycosyltransferase research, it is my understanding that the person having ordinary skill in the art of glycosyltransferase research would typically have a Ph.D. or M.D. and 5 years of postdoctoral or research experience in biochemistry or molecular biology.

8. That it is my opinion that the combined teachings of K. Sasaki et al, "Expression Cloning of a Novel α 1,3-Fucosyltransferase That Is Involved in Biosynthesis of the Sialyl Lewis x Carbohydrate Determinants in Leukocytes," The Journal of Biological Chemistry, vol. 269, pp. 14730-14737 (1994) (Sasaki et al) and K. Gersten, "Structure, Function, and Tissue-Specific Expression Patterns of Murine α (1-3)Fucosyltransferase Genes," The Journal of Cellular Biochemistry, Supplement 16D, p. 170, Abstract No. P 407 (1992), would not have instilled in the person having ordinary skill in the art of glycosyltransferase research, at the time U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/613,098 was filed (March 8, 1996), a reasonable expectation of success for the existence of a murine analogue to human Fuc-TVII.

9. That my opinion is based, in part, on the experiences of the researchers working in my own laboratory. The genes encoding human Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TV, and Fuc-TVI, were isolated in my laboratory in 1988, 1990, and 1991, respectively. For 5 years, researchers in my laboratory have attempted to clone the genes encoding the murine counterparts of Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TV, and Fuc-TVI. The efforts spent in attempting to clone the genes encoding the murine counterparts of Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TV, and Fuc-TVI have been extensive and have included:

(A) Mammalian expression cloning (using an approach virtually identical to that described in Kukowska-Latallo et al, Genes and Development, vol. 4, pp. 1288-1303 (1990));

(B) Cross-hybridization approaches using bacteriophage libraries containing mouse genomic DNA (as described in Weston et al, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, vol. 267, pp. 4152-4169 (1992) and Weston et al, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, vol. 267, pp. 24575-24584 (1992));

(C) The polymerase chain reaction and degenerate PCR primers designed to correspond to most highly conserved portions of all known mammalian α (1,3)fucosyltransferases; and

(D) Chromosome walking techniques. In this approach, a large number of cloned segments of the mouse chromosome that corresponds to the part of human chromosome 19 where the genes for Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TIV, and Fuc-TVI are located. This segment was then exhaustively screened for the presence of Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TIV, and Fuc-TVI homologues, also using the PCR and hybridization approaches used above. Only one fucosyltransferase-cross-hybridizing DNA sequence was identified in this large segment of the mouse chromosome and it turned out to be the mouse pseudogenes that had been cloned some years ago.

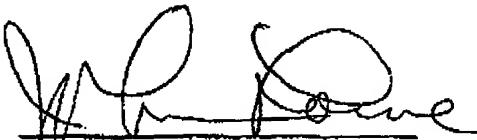
Thus, even though human Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TIV, and Fuc-TVI are known, no mouse analogues are known. Thus, the disclosure of human Fuc-TVII in Sasaki et al would not have instilled an expectation of the existence of murine Fuc-TVII.

10. That my opinion is, in part, based on the experiences of other researchers. Other researchers have found that there exists only a single bovine fucosyltransferase gene which corresponds to the human genes for Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TV, and Fuc-TVI (see: A. Oulmouden et al, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, vol. 272, pp. 8764-8773 (1997)). Some of the same researchers have concluded that the human genes for Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TV, and Fuc-TVI arose as

a result of gene duplication between: (i) the great mammalian radiation 80 million years ago and (ii) the separation of man and chimpanzee 10 million years ago (see: M. Costache et al, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, vol. 272, pp. 29721-29728 (1997)). Since the mouse can be placed much "earlier" on the "evolutionary tree," it is logical to conclude that the mouse does not have functional versions of Fuc-TIII, Fuc-TV, and Fuc-TVI. It is also logical to conclude that the skilled artisan would not have a reasonable expectation of success for the existence of a murine analogue based on the mere disclosure of a particular human fucosyltransferase.

11. The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

12. Further deponent saith not.



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